

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 16, 17, 20, 23, and 30-33 to more clearly define the features of those claims and cancel 5, 8, 15, 22, and 24-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-14, 16-17, 20-21, 23, and 30-33 are currently pending.

Applicants request entry of the After Final Amendment filed May 26, 2009 and then entry of the Supplemental Amendment filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-14, 16-17, 20-21, 23, and 30-33 are in condition for allowance.

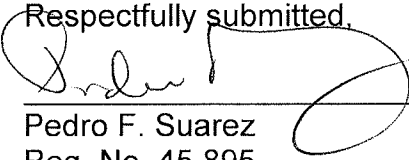
CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, the pending claims are in condition for allowance. It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper.

Applicant is concurrently filing herewith a Petition for a two-month extension of time and Request for Continued Examination with the requisite fee, authorization for a credit card payment of the filing fee is submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference No. 39700-510001US/NC30307US. If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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